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By:  Date: February 15, 2000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Rolf Brück et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/450,399  
Filed : November 29, 1999  
Title : Muffler and Associated Assembly Having a Catalyst Carrier Body and  
a Retaining Element and Method for Producing the Assembly  
Art Unit : 1764



LETTER

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

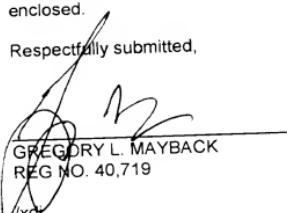
The above-mentioned new patent application was filed on November 29, 1999 without a signed oath or declaration, under the provision of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(f).

In accordance with the above-mentioned rule, enclosed herewith is the original signed declaration as required by the Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application dated January 11, 2000.

The undersigned hereby states that the application filed in the Patent and Trademark Office is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration. MPEP 601.01(a)(6)

The fee required for the late filing of an oath or declaration in the amount of \$130.00 is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Section 18

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO./TITLE
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DATE MAILED:

**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**  
*Filing Date Granted*

An Application Number and Filing Date have been assigned to this application. The items indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). If any items 1 or 3 through 5 are indicated as missing, the SURCHARGE set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of  \$65.00 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, or  \$130.00 for a non-small entity, must also be timely submitted in reply to this NOTICE to avoid abandonment.

*If all required items on this form are filed within the period set above, the total amount owed by applicant as a small entity (statement filed)  non-small entity is \$ 130.00.*

1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

missing.

insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

2. The following additional claims fees are due:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ total claims over 20.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ independent claims over 3.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

3. The oath or declaration:

is missing or unsigned.

does not cover the newly submitted items.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

5. The signature of the following joint inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 listing the names of all inventors and signed by the omitted inventor(s), identifying this application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

8. The application was filed in a language other than English.  
Applicant must file a verified English translation of the application, the \$130.00 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(k), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).

9. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Direct the reply and any questions about this notice to "Attention: Box Missing Parts."

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